

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs 0001 and 0002 as follows:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/460,510, filed 4 April 2003, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/547,602, filed 25 February 2004, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/547,829, filed 26 February 2004, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/548,813, filed 27 February 2004, all of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

[0002] Related co-pending applications ~~filed concurrently herewith~~ are identified as “Valve Apparatus” (~~Attorney Docket No. 2003P04912US-01~~ U.S. Application No. 10/817,521, filed 5 April 2004), which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, “Liquid for a Valve Apparatus” (~~Attorney Docket No. 2004P03254US-01~~ U.S. Application No. 10/821,178, filed 9 April 2004), and “Housing for a Valve Apparatus” (~~Attorney Docket No. 2004P05365US~~ U.S. Application No. 10/821,179, filed 9 April 2004), ~~each of which was filed 5 April 2004, and all of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.~~